

W. C. T. U. NOTES.



MURMURS.
"Oh, my! oh, my!" said the pretty rye,
"I feel bad enough to have a good cry,
I thought I was meant to be used for food,
And was planted and grown to do some good,
But now, when I've done my best, just think!
I'm converted into a dreadful drink!
If I had known about this last fall,
I really don't think I'd have grown at all."

A stock of corn bowed its graceful head,
And sighed, "I almost wish I were dead!
For the same disgraceful fate, I fear,
Awaits my every ripening ear.
'Tis a burning shame to use us so,
And force us for such a base purpose to grow."

A murmur arose on the summer air,
A murmur of sorrow and grief and despair,
Among the top-vines, as they trembled with fear,
For they knew they were doomed to make ale and beer;
And they mourn that in all their beauty and pride
They must be on the brewers' and drunkards' side.

Then the grapevines and apple-trees looked around,
And shook from their topmost leaves to the ground,
As the farmer talked of the cider and wine,
He should make in the fall from each tree and vine.

Let us pray and work for the happy day
When temperance folks can have their way
All through our land, from east to west;
(For temperance folks know what is best);
And by the time that we are all grown
'Twill be the best country that ever was known.

—Selected.

TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

1. Would the removal of the internal revenue tax on intoxicating liquors be a temperance measure?

I have yet to hear an expression of dissent from a single temperance expert to the affirmative of this question. The underlying principle upon which the great reform proceeds is the utter, total, and irreversible separation of our government from the liquor trade.

A nation cannot, in the nature of things, receive revenue from and prohibit a branch of traffic at one and the same time. Our goal is prohibition, constitutional and statutory, for state and nation. Hence, as its most essential prerequisite, temperance people desire the removal of the tax which now renders the government a participant in the gains of the traffic. The non-expert temperance man, who drifts but does not row, has a lazy notion that the tax keeps men from drinking. Opposed to this is the fact that since the imposition (in more senses than one) of this tax the manufacture has increased in more rapid ratio than the population, and that it adds but seven-eighths of a cent to the cost of a drink. The eleven hundred whiskey distillers and twenty-two hundred beer brewers of the nation are the prime producers of the drink pestilence, and government "of the people, for the people, and by the people," should separate itself utterly from them, as a point both of honor and of strategy, preparatory to dealing their mills of destruction a death-blow. The fact that without exception, so far as heard from, brewers and distillers desire the tax retained, proves them clearer-sighted than their enemies. They see a prohibition wave about a mile off and a mile high, and they know they cannot swim.

2. Is high-license sentiment on the increase?

No; its farcical pretensions have been so relentlessly exposed, the basis of expediency upon which it rests is so unworthy of reformers, and the results of experience with it are so condemnatory, that outside the circle of politicians "for revenue only," and a few well-meaning men who either have not studied the question, or "are willing to let high license prove its harmful character" as a pretended temperance measure, almost no voices are now lifted in its behalf. High license was the Diana of an hour, but I can think of no temperance specialist who now has a good word for it, save one who shall be nameless. Its worst feature is that the thus derived acts like moral chloroform on the tax-payers; yokes Mammon as a wheelhorse to the car of King Alcohol; puts drunkenness for light and light for darkness; and so debauches public sentiment that men remember only the new side-walks of the municipality, and forget that they are paid for by the demoralization of their own sons. —Frances E. Willard in our Day.

THE PUNCH-BOWL.

A Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune in a late letter writes: "The punch-bowl as a part of Washington social life seems fated to go. Everybody has noticed that less punch and fewer wines are offered, unless at invited companies, than last year. An observant woman, who made the rounds of the Senators' houses Thursday, declares that at only one place did she find a punch-bowl. This was a Southern Senator noted for his hospitality. In other official circles where once the punch-bowl flourished, tea and coffee are now served." The gratifying tendency in Washington society thus noted is doubtless due in no small degree to the praiseworthy total-abstinence example of Mrs. Cleveland as "the first lady of the land."

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